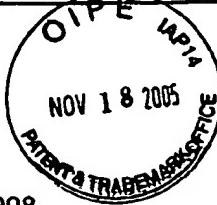


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In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, in which Claims 82-92 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

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